





## MISSION:

# "TO PROMOTE POSITIVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS WITH UTAH'S AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBES"



Shirlee Silversmith  
Director

The Utah Division of Indian Affairs, created in 1953, facilitates solutions that allow American Indians to share in the progress of the state. The Indian Affairs director serves as a liaison between Utah tribes, Governor Gary Herbert, state legislators, federal and state agencies, and local government. In FY17, these positive relationships were encouraged through the 11th annual Native American Summit, which brings together hundreds of attendees. Indian Affairs is also an important partner in Indian education and the Title VI program that has greatly improved graduation rates among American Indian and Alaskan Native students.



FROM THE TRAVELING EXHIBIT "THEY PAINTED IN THE CANYONS":  
*Holy Ghost Panel*, Craig Law photographer

DIVISION OF INDIAN AFFAIRS



**Utah's military groups meet with tribes annually. This year, the Confederated Tribes of the Goshutes hosted the meeting in Wendover. Discussions included identification and management of cultural resources.**

PICTURED: MILITARY AND TRIBAL LEADERS AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING IN WENDOVER.

## Key Accomplishments



A hoop dancer at the Governor's Native American Summit.

### Governor's Native American Summit

The 11th Annual Governor's Native American Summit at Utah Valley University welcomed over 400 tribal members, tribal leaders, government officials, students and community members. Keynote speaker David BrownEagle, Spokane Tribal Vice-Chair, spoke of how everyone has a role in educating our children. He believes in combining Native cultural teachings in the 'old ways' as well as the new. "They can go as one, not as two, not as separate." The third annual Youth Track focused on STEM classes and experiences. Governor Gary R. Herbert and Lieutenant Governor Spencer Cox both addressed the conference attendees. They both met with the Utah Tribal Leadership to allow tribes to present issues and concerns for resolution.



A youth dancer at the Indigenous Day celebration at Thanksgiving Point.

### Indigenous Day

Indian Affairs organized the annual Indigenous Day celebration in Lehi at Thanksgiving Point in November 2016. More than 250 tribal members, students, tribal leaders, government officials, and community members attended. Students participated in a writing competition and all entries were beautifully showcased at the event. The Ute Tribe facilitated a cultural presentation with the drum, songs, dances, and presentation of Ute History and Traditional Lands. Lieutenant Governor Spencer Cox spoke and read the Governor's proclamation of Indigenous Day and designating November as American Indian Heritage Month.



Utah Tribal Leaders meet with Governor Gary R. Herbert and Lt. Governor Spencer J. Cox.

### American Indian Caucus Day on the Hill

More than 200 people attended the Annual American Indian Caucus Day on the Hill in February 2017. Tribal leaders and other attendees met with Governor Herbert, Lieutenant Governor Cox, and Legislative Liaison Committee members to discuss achievements, issues, and legislative proposals. Tribal students were able to shadow legislators and learn about the legislative process. Indian Affairs also partnered with local Title VI Indian Education programs to bring their students to the Capitol for a tour, learn about legislation and meet their tribal leader.





Students in the San Juan District participate in a summer program.

### American Indian Education

H.B. 43 provided funding to Uintah School District (Eagle View Elementary) for a Teacher Recruitment and Retention Program. The elementary school has high American Indian student enrollment. The school chose five areas of focus to maintain data and outcome: Transportation; Teacher Professional Development; Teacher Recruitment; Teacher Stipends; Parent and Community Involvement. The school reports that they are already making a difference.



Students attending the Paiute Career and Education Expo in Cedar City.

### Paiute Career and Education Expo

The Paiute tribal education director hosted the first Career and Education Expo for students in Cedar City in October 2016. Indian Affairs sponsored the event and participated in planning. Over 100 students visited with universities, colleges, and vocational/tech centers, as well as local businesses and tribal health departments. The Expo educated students about opportunities for higher education and future careers. It was a fun educational day filled with speakers, booths, food, and cultural music and singing.



**“Each year we bring just under a hundred students to the Governor’s Native American Summit, where our students participate in workshops and STEM-related activities. Indian Affairs has made our work not only possible but helped create a positive impact on the communities we serve.”**

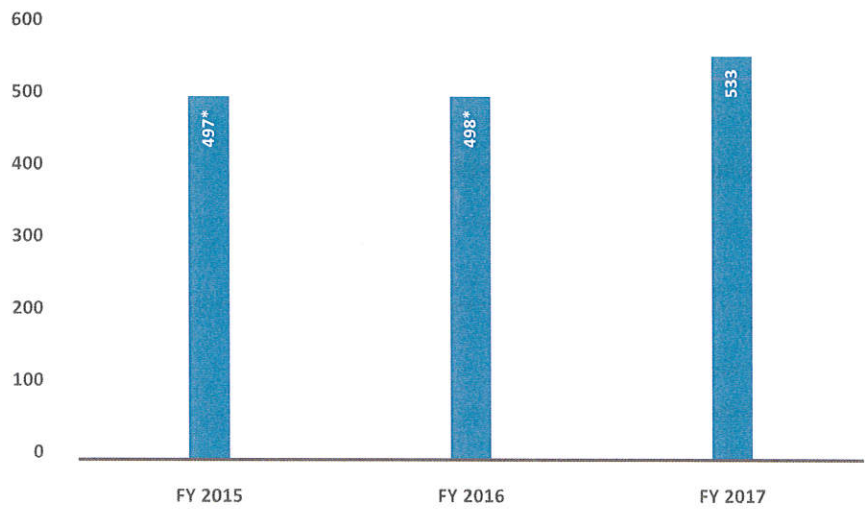
DALE TINGEY, PH.D.  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, AMERICAN INDIAN SERVICES

# ADMINISTRATION

UCA 9-9

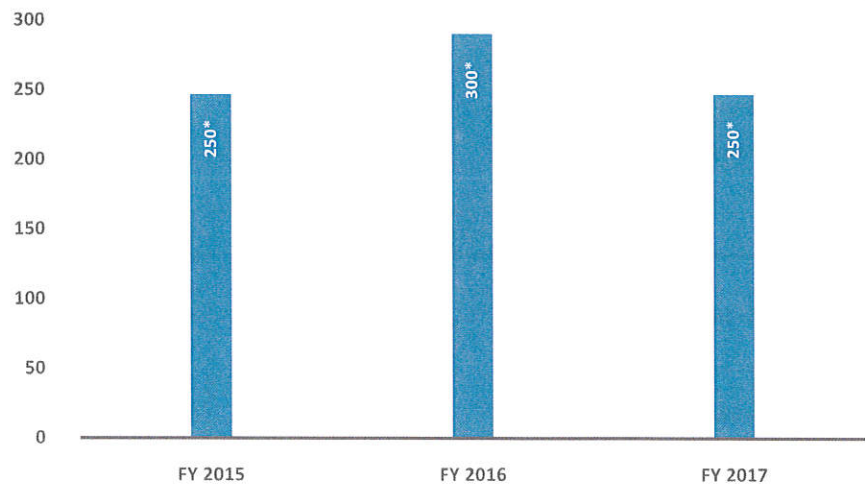
The mission of the Utah Division of Indian Affairs is to address the socio-cultural challenges of the eight federally-recognized tribes in Utah. Indian Affairs advocates for American Indian concerns while helping establish positive government-to-government relationships between tribal nations and the state.

Governor’s Native American Summit Attendance



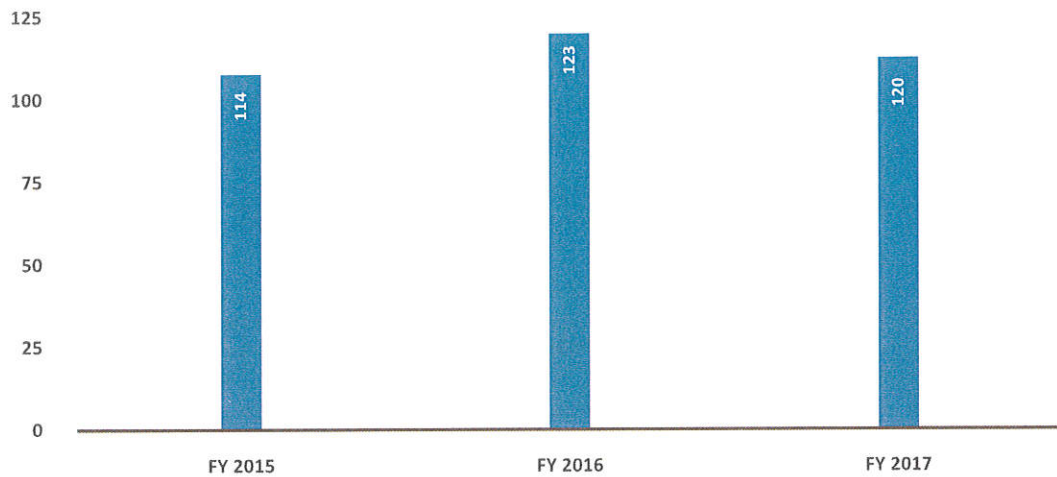
\*Numbers are Approximate

Utah’s Indigenous Day Attendance



\*Numbers are Approximate

### Educational Presentations about Utah Tribes and the Division of Indian Affairs



### Division of Indian Affairs | FY 2015-2017 Actuals

Revenue	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
General Fund	\$243,900	\$245,800	\$250,300
Dedicated Credits	\$55,000	\$43,800	\$49,900
Beginning Balance	\$62,000	\$86,300	\$43,100
Closing Balance	(\$86,300)	(\$43,100)	(\$3,400)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$274,600</b>	<b>\$332,800</b>	<b>\$339,900</b>

Expenditures	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Personnel	\$189,900	\$241,500	\$247,400
In-State Travel	\$12,800	\$9,400	\$10,400
Out-of-State Travel	\$14,700	\$7,700	\$5,700
Current Expense	\$55,900	\$72,000	\$76,000
Data Processing Current Expense	—	\$1,900	\$100
Pass-Through	\$1,300	\$300	\$300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$274,600</b>	<b>\$332,800</b>	<b>\$339,900</b>

### Contact | Indian Affairs

Shirlee Silversmith	Director	801-715-6701	ssilversmith@utah.gov
James Toledo	Program Manager	801-715-6702	jtoledo@utah.gov
Dominique Talahaftewa	Administrative Assistant	801-715-6703	dtalahaftewa@utah.gov